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- 1. DOE SCIREP CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS WITH BMFT ON THIS SUBJECT.
- 2. FOIA BRIEFING IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 12. FRG REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE MUELLE-HELLE, AN ATTORNEY IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN BMFT AND DR. BUNTE OF INTERATOM, ALSO A LAWYER. THEY ARE REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL SEPARATE MEETING WITH DR. VANDERRYN, WITHOUT CEA PARTICIPATION, ON THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON INFORMATION PROTECTION ON AGREEMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BETWEEN THE US AND FRG. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THIS MEETING SCHEDULED IN THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 13.

3. ON THE SUBJECT OF THE FOIA BRIEFING, THE FRG REPRESENTATIVES ARE PRIMARILY CONCERNED ABOUT THE APPARENT CLIMATE ON THE SUBJECT AS REFLECTED IN A PUBLIC DECLARATION BY G. BELL THAT IMPLIES INFORMA- TION REQUESTED BY ANY PRIVATE GROUPS CANNOT BE WITHHELD. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY RECENT COURT DECISIONS ON REFRAINING FROM PUBLICATION OF RAW DATA? CLARIFICATION OF POSSIBLE SAFEGUARDS FOR R&D UNDER THE FOIA. ARE PROCEDURES UNDER FDA FORCING DISCLOSURE OF DATA TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE LIKELY TO BE REPEATED HERE? HAVE THERE BEEN REQUESTS TO ERDA AND DOE FOR COMMERCIAL INFORMATION? ALMOST UNLIMITED AUTHORITY IMPLIED FOR FORCING DISCLOSURE OF ALL KINDS OF DATA BY PRIVATE GROUPS IS OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE FRG AND THE GERMAN STATES.

- 4. HOT DRY ROCK AGREEMENT. DOE COUNTERPROPOSAL BEING REVIEWED BY FRG.
- 5. MOU ON SRG. BMFT HAS OUR COUNTERPROPOSAL AND IS REVIEWING IT.
- 6. METHANOL. DOES DOE INTEND TO PARTICIPATE?
- 7. THE STATE OF NORTH RHINE WESTPHALIA HAS MAJOR INTEREST IN HTR AND COAL CONVERSION AND NEEDS ASSURANCE THAT ITS RIGHTS WILL BE PROTECTED. FRG WANTS TO BRING IN STATE INTERESTS IN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH DOE.

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- 8. ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO DOT-BMFT UMBRELLA AGREEMENT, BMFT COULD NOT LOCATE A DRAFT WHICH DOE GAVE THEM. ACCORDINGLY, THEIR LAWYER GOETZ PREPARED THEIR OWN DRAFT AND SENT IT TO DOT.
- 9. SOLAR. MEETING ON GAS COOLED SOLAR POWER TOWER PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR HYANNIS, MASS., AT SHERATON REGAL INN ON SEPTEMBER 14 TO 16. ATTENDEES WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF DOE, EPRI AND BMFT. DR. HELMUT KLEIN, MANAGER OF SOLAR PROGRAMS FOR BMFT, IS SEEKING COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WITH DFVLR AS TECHNICAL MANAGER. DR. KLEIN WOULD APPRECIATE PARTICIPATION IN MEETING BY DR. VANDERRYN. MEEHAN

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